

UNDER THE PHOTO OF THE FUND'S ORIGINATOR, a soldier and a civilian worker drop their dimes into a carton to inaugurate the "March of Dimes," campaign at Fort Belvoir. With officials of the post in the background, the "Police" Technician, 1st Grade Caleb W. Melton of Headquarters Company, 608th Field Artillery Battalion, 1st Division, right background, drops his silver dime into the box. The soldier in mufti, Miss Willie Mae Andrews of 2923 1/2 Howard avenue, Columbus, an employee of the Civilian Personnel Payroll Department, typifies the role that civilian workers on the post are doing to make the drive for funds to combat infantile paralysis a success. In the foreground, two officials of the post are seated. From left to right, they are: Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Albert, Jr., chairman of the campaign, at the right. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Lighting was made available for each tent, kitchen tents were erected so that men would no longer have to eat open-air style, streets were leveled and sawdust blazing away in the stove, while outside the wind howled around the corners of the tents, that will never be entirely forgotten by anyone who lived there.

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2d Army Plans Polio Fund Drive

Plans for extensive participation by Second Army units in the annual March of Dimes campaign are being formulated by Headquarters, Special Fourth Army, Second Army, under the supervision of Major Neil R. Maxey and Lieutenant Seymour Propp, co-chairmen of the campaign in Second Army at Fort Benning.

"At least a dime from every man in Second Army is what we are striving for," Lt. Propp stated. Company commanders of all Second Army units will make talks to their outfits emphasizing the importance of contributing to the fight against Polio.

Pvt. Robert L. O'Hara, Fourth Headquarters artist, is designing a large "novelty" poster for Second Army units in which the progress of the drive in each company will be displayed. An inter-company competition will be instituted.

"A large sign, to be placed on the lawn adjacent to Fourth Headquarters, will be erected, urging contributions to the drive. Fast performances by Second Army will be published, with an injunction to surpass the previous records this year.

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THE ADVANTAGES OF THE UNITED STATES ARMORED FORCES INSTITUTE educational program are ingeniously presented by the U. S. A. F. I. team at Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army. Here T-Sgt. Neil S. McQuaig (L.) and Pvt. Albert Matlack (R.) are explaining an unusual poster Matlack designed.

YANKS—

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hotter than Benning in the summer, and there are cool, cloudy days that are almost like fall. And there's no bug problem. (That was worrying me most of all, but there just aren't any around our area.)

The countryside is beautiful. This section has some views that are breathtaking. And it's really quite inspiring to see what has been done around here. From now on when I see an engineer's castles, I'll take off my hat (if I happen to be wearing one, which

I probably won't be.) So much of what they have done is obviously impossible, but there it is. SOME BOAT RIDE

Well, to turn to other things. I'll pass over the boat ride with the still restrained statement that it finally ended, though I had begun to think we were modern. Flying Dutchmen, doomed to wander the face of the earth (I mean ocean) for all eternity. I had a break, however, in having a job on the ship's newspaper. We had some war correspondents aboard who were swell joes, so we managed to have a good time and put out a pretty fair little sheet. I'll send you a copy when I can remember where I stuffed them away.

When my mail finally caught up with me, I was delighted to find a couple of Bayonets. Thanks a million. I got such a kick out of reading them, and I've passed them around among all the ex-F. B. I.'s in these parts, and they've all enjoyed them equally. I particularly liked the front-page layout of the anniversary editorial, and I was glad to see TAP restated.

FEELINGS HURT

Only one touch of criticism, and that more in sorrow than in anger. It seems there was a story about the WACs and in the story there was a list of those who've gone overseas. Now, I am not about Ben Adhem (or however his hell you spell it) and of course it would have been only good taste to put my name at the end. BUT I DID EXPECT TO GET ON THE LIST. Keen-ripen. Remember me? And I went overseas. Remember?

This is a slightly disorganized letter, but to return to the present. We live in tents (the pyramidal type with wood floors), six to a tent. They tell us that's the coolest arrangement, and it's really quite nice. By the way, the nights are cool enough to use a blanket. I mean I get cool enough to use a blanket at night. Or something.

LIFE COMFORTABLE

We have cold water for our showers and laundry, though in the middle of the day the water usually becomes automatically warm. That all sounds a bit rugged, I suppose, but actually we are quite comfortable, and satisfied with the living conditions. The food is good and plentiful, and I think that if I had an occasional ice cold coke I'd be at peace with the world. Incidentally, the tropics have gotten me in another particular. I have drawn, and am consuming with great relish, my beer ration. Good heavens, I never liked cold beer, and here I am drinking it warm and liking it. My brain is definitely affected, I'm sure.

Christmas was bad, particularly since the weather made us feel more as if we were celebrating the Fourth of July. A batch of us had dinner on a destroyer with the chief petty officers of same. We had a wonderful dinner (you can't beat the Navy for food) and had a grand time afterwards seeing the ship.

COSTA THERE
Remember Grace Costa, the T-4 who worked in Capt. Waland's office? She's stationed near here and I saw her on one of our jaunts around the vicinity. There are a number of other gals from Benning in the area, but no one else you know.

Incidentally, the Benning brass would die of shock at this place. In all the time I've been here, I've seen only one person salute another (that was an MP to a colonel) and uniform regulations just ain't. We have to wear pants (I mean long, outside ones) but any sort of combination goes. No hats unless one chooses scarves, ribbons, etc., in the hair are the general thing. I do hope nobody ever tells Colonel Hobbs what became of her beloved duck bill hats. Fortunately, our crowd didn't have to bring any (they're hell to pack) but those who came before us had to lug them along. Now they pop up in the strangest places. Some of the girls wear them occa-

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Woman's Club Plans Musicale

The Music Group of the Woman's Club takes pleasure in presenting an unusually fine musicale at the Polo Hunt Club, Tuesday, January 16 at 2:30 p. m. EWT. All members of the club are invited to bring guests.

The musicians to be present are First Lieutenant Gerald B. Slavich, violinist, and Warrant Officer Paul S. Callaway, band leader of the 21st Army Ground Forces Band.

Lt. Slavich, now with the Third Infantry, studied with eminent west coast musicians, and was in civilian life a violinist in the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra and Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge String Quartet. He is the composer of several works for strings.

Warrant Officer Callaway studied with T. Tertius Noble and Marcel Dupre. In civilian life he was the conductor of the Cathedral Choral Society of Washington, D. C. and organist and choirmaster of Washington Cathedral.

The program follows:
Soprano for Violin and Piano, in D major. Handel.

Adagio Allegro
Larghetto
Allegro

Sonata for Violin and Piano, in D major. Beethoven.

Allegro
Andante con moto
(Theme and Variations)
Allegro vivace

Sonata for Violin and Piano, in A major. Franck.

Allegretto
Allegro
Recitative-Fantasia
Allegro.

Post-War Place Of Women On Air

Reflecting the interest with which women of the country are taking in the much discussed and controversial subject as to "What the United States Will Do About Its Women After the War," Fort Benning "Women at War" radio broadcast over WDAK Tuesday, offered the opinions of six civilian employees at Fort Benning.

The program presented an outline of Marshall Tito's declaration of rights for "New Yugoslavia," published within the last 30 days, as compared to the rights of women in the United States as reported by the Department of Labor.

Thirty national organizations met recently at the Department of Labor in Washington to discuss what was believed to be a coming crisis over women's jobs. The conference was an effort to decide what can be done at the legislatures of 44 states meeting in 1945 to assure that women will be able to keep their jobs or be encouraged to find new ones.

Simultaneously, in Detroit, representatives of 300,000 women members of the United Automobile Workers met to protest against women being laid off before men when war contracts are cut back.

The Fort Benning radio program will be conducted on the basis that 18,000,000 working women in the United States are wondering if they are going to gain equal rights when the war is over. American women have the vote under the Constitution, but not equal economic rights. The six civilian women workers on the post were asked three questions: "Do you believe women should have really equal rights?" "Why do you work?" and "Do you want to work when the war is over?"

MAJOR JACK HOLT IS RETURNING TO SCREEN
CAMP BEALE, Calif. (ALNS)—Major Jack Holt, screen actor, who spent the past two years in the Army, has received his honorable discharge here and will return to work in the movies.

Occasionally for fatigue hats, the G.I. wear 'em, and so do the fuzzy-wuzzies. But definitely not in the regulation manner! The crowns are crushed, the brims are bent into most interesting shapes, and they are perched on the back or side of heads in the most rakish fashion. Tsk, tsk. (To Be Concluded)

Soldier Seriously Injured as Train Hits Stalled Car

Private Leonard L. Lazaro, a member of the 71st Division Band, was injured seriously last week as he attempted to jump from his stalled auto in the path of a passenger train in the Sand Hill area.

Private Lazaro, as driving his own automobile across the Central of Georgia railroad tracks when the vehicle became stalled on tracks. A military policeman, Pvt. Edward Pughlin, on duty at the nearby intersection of Third and Cusseta Roads, saw the approaching train and called to Private Lazaro to jump from the car.

The train struck the car and carried it 50 yards from the intersection. Private Lazaro was found 15 yards from the point of impact.

Rushed to Regional Hospital in the ambulance of the 60th FA Bn. Dispensary, Private Lazaro was reported to be suffering from concussion, contusions of the face, abrasions of the face, dislocation of the right elbow and a possible skull fracture. He was later transferred to Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta for further treatment.

Private Lazaro, who was prominently identified with the 71st Division Band, is widely known at Fort Benning. His wife, Mrs. Harriet Lazaro, who is employed in the Post Athletic office, reached the hospital shortly after the accident.

MAKES STAFF SGT.

Sgt. Calvin DeBardelaben was recently promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. It was announced this week by Col. John P. Edgerly, Commanding Officer of the Reception Center.

Staff Sgt. DeBardelaben enlisted in the Regular army in 1929 and served until 1935. He enlisted again February 11, 1941, and was promoted to sergeant in July of that year.

His home is in Birmingham, Ala.

"I'm cutting quite a figure," she said as she sat on a broken bottle (also). Many a gal has gotten first-hand information in a second-hand automobile (an). . . . She was only a head shy of her daughter, but she could put a fellow in his place.

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Lt. Wyrosdick Is Lawson PRO

1st Lieutenant Charles R. Wyrosdick has been appointed Base Public Relations Officer of Lawson Field, it was announced by Lt. Col. John E. Albert, Base Commander. He succeeds Lt. M. Golder, who will devote his full time to Budget and Fiscal.

Lawson's new PRO was born at Elba, Ala., and entered the service on October 2, 1941. A former glider pilot, Lt. Wyrosdick was Base Public Relations Officer at Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky., for one year. His duties were curtailed when Bowman Field became the AAF Convalescent Hospital of Personal Distribution Command. Transferred to Stout Field he was assigned the Command Public Relations Office. Prior to his arrival at Lawson Field, Lt. Wyrosdick assisted in the promotion of "Winged Victory" for several weeks in the state of Indiana.

He attended Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga., and was graduated with an A. B. degree in Journalism. Before entering the service he was on the staff of the Atlanta Constitution.

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Pope Pius XII

The OPA Liaison Officer Is Here to Help You; Help Him

Fort Benning military personnel should welcome the news that in compliance with a War Department circular the post now has a liaison officer who will receive complaints from Benning soldiers in cases where ceiling prices set by the OPA are violated.

It is a splendid move and is consistent with the Army's policy of ever keeping foremost the welfare of men and women serving therein. The appointment of liaison officers is designed to protect army personnel from a certain minority who place personal gain ahead of the country's welfare and set out deliberately to take advantage of the present emergency to feather their own nests.

The new OPA liaison officer is undertaking his new assignment with the intent of making his office function. But for it to function as it should he must have the full cooperation of every man and woman on the post.

In our current crisis we are in an all-out war for survival. It is at the same time an economic and military war and our rallying cry is that of "The Three Musketeers" of Dumas: "one for all and all for one." We are working as a team, and that which is to the detriment of one of us is to the hurt of all.

It is obvious that OPA price regulations are being violated; else there would be no OPA liaison officer. It is the duty of every one of us ever to be on the alert for violations of price ceilings and to report such violations at once. Otherwise the liaison officer cannot function properly and the inevitable result will be inflationary prices which could cause disastrous proportions for all of us. It is our duty as law-abiding, patriotic citizens to conform to OPA price ceilings; it goes without saying that it is just as much a duty to report violations committed by those with whom we deal.

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Idle Graduate Nurses, Do Your Duty; You're Needed

Why do we need a campaign to persuade 10,000 nurses to join the Army Nurses Corps? Because, apparently, there are 40,000 graduate nurses in the United States who prefer to lead more protected lives, easier lives—or to make more money!

Women in the United States have long been criticized for their lack of patriotism but this new call of the Surgeon General's Department cannot be overlooked!

A boy who throws himself into the heat of battle and the terrors of war has the right to feel that his country will alleviate the pain and take care of him when he is carried off on a stretcher, mutilated and half-conscious. THAT IS THE LEAST HIS COUNTRY CAN DO!

But it cannot be done if there are not enough nurses to go around to all the hospitals in the many theaters of war.

YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY PICTURE ANYTHING MORE HORRIBLE THAN A HOSPITAL BACK OF THE LINES FILLED WITH WOUNDED AND DYING MEN AND NOT ENOUGH NURSES TO TAKE CARE OF THEM!

Impossible! Take a look at one of the Congressional Records giving proceedings and debates of the 78th Congress. It's a factual record published Wednesday November 28, 1944 that pertains to the urgent need for Army Nurses. The following quotes are from the remarks of the Honorable A. L. Miller of Nebraska in the House of Representatives.

"I was at an evacuation hospital. Something that happened there touched me very deeply as I am sure it will you. It was one of those hospitals just across from France. They bring some of the badly wounded boys in the airplane. Thirty or forty of them were there in this little tent hospital on stretchers. They were waiting to be moved back to a larger hospital. A little red-headed American nurse was working at top speed trying to relieve pain, changing dressings and carrying out the captain's orders. As I walked through with the captain of the nurses we came to this girl and the captain said: 'Nurse, you must be tired. I will try to get some relief for you soon.' What do you think that little American nurse said? She said: 'No captain! I really am not tired. I have only worked 20 hours; I can stand another 6 or 8 hours.' That is courage and the spirit the nurses are showing over there. Then I thought of some of the strikes we are having in this country by people who wanted to get double time or time and a half for working a little over time. There is a difference."

The Honorable Mr. Miller was right. "There is a difference!"

The need is urgent and every graduate nurse who is not ill or otherwise restricted should go at once to the Muscogee County Red Cross Office, 218 Flower Building, First Avenue and Twelfth Street, Columbus.

—J. E.

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Traffic Law Observance Saves Life and Property

Strict enforcement of traffic regulations on Fort Benning reservation is being carried out by the Military Police to protect the lives and property of the entire garrison.

In doing that, the Military Police are seeking to avert needless fatalities and accidents. The MP have a large crew on motorcycles daily patrolling all roads leading to and within the reservation to enforce traffic regulations.

One of the regulations besides speeding that motorists are being compelled to observe is the proper use of hand signaling. One point where many fail to execute hand signals is when making left turns at the intersection of Lumpkin road and Benning boulevard upon leaving the post.

Whenever police launch a drive on speeders, many are prone to conjecture that the drive is just a periodic campaign, but here at Fort Benning that isn't the case.

Major Mims T. Jamison, the provost marshal, is sincerely trying to avoid needless fatalities and accidents and thus protect the lives and property of all soldiers and civilians driving motor vehicles on the reservation.

Do your part, observe traffic regulations, and practice the Golden Rule in driving, too!

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Booby Traps Lurk In Unsuspected Places

There are a hundred and one booby traps scattered throughout every field.

They're not the hidden, explosive kind of booby traps that plague and injure our men on the battlefronts, but they are vicious things—dangerous to life and limb.

See that oil spot on the floor—there near the south end of the hangar. That's a booby trap, set for you. It can break your legs, crack your ribs, or fracture your skull—maybe all three.

The cracked rung on that ladder is another booby trap—so are the run-over heels or loose soles on your shoes.

Unguarded floor openings, nails on the floor, blind corners in aisle-ways can send you into a crash landing without warning.

Look around and see how many booby traps you can spot in your own working area. What about that desk or file drawer left open that someone on the ship? Who threw that lit cigarette in the wastepaper basket?

It's the booby traps which cause by far the greatest number of accidents. It isn't the obviously dangerous things—they're easily recognized and respected.

A spot of oil on the floor looks messy, but it doesn't look dangerous. It's the same with any scrap or waste material that clutters up the floor.

Beware of booby traps!—Luke Field (Arl.) Lukomunike.

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1945 to Be Crucial Year in War Effort

1945 will be a crucial year—both in the war of ideas and in the war of arms. "The final months of 1944 uncovered threats both to speedy military victory and the whole future of democracy."

Threat No. 1 is the setback on the Western front. There has been no question of our ability to overcome this temporary military reverse. But there is no telling yet what the cost has been in lives, time and equipment. Or how these new wounds will drain our resources and retard our recovery after the war.

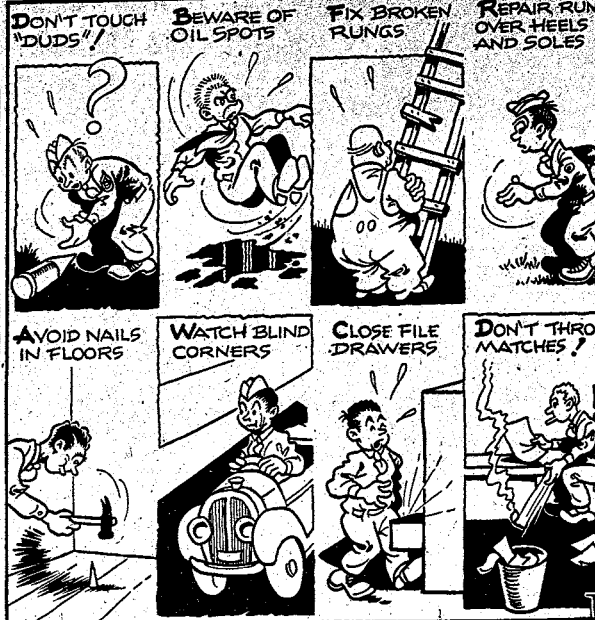
Threat No. 2 is the chaos which has swept the liberated countries. Instead of finding freedom and peace, they have plunged into strikes, mob violence and armed revolution. Free to choose their own way they have not chosen the true democratic way. They have swung either to the Right or Left—mostly to the Left. A post-war world governed largely by totalitarian ideologies will not be healthy for democracy.

The remedy is not military or political. The only possible answer is moral and spiritual. Only a new moral backbone in every one of us and the dynamic of a practicing faith in God are powerful enough to meet these threats.

With victory seemingly in sight too many of us are humbly tempted to exchange war jobs for more permanent peacetime work. Only the God-inspired conviction that line of duty comes before personal advantage will keep us on the job that helps win the war. That is our defense against Threat No. 1.

As defense No. 2 let us see clearly that we can neither wash our hands nor step in to wash the face of chaotic Europe. But we can keep our own hands and faces clean. If each American is honest, and unselfish and dependable, we can yet win and help train leaders from other countries who will battle for what is right and decent in their own lands.

AVOID 'BOOBY TRAPS' on the HOME FRONT!!



At the POW camp, the men got wind of Capt. Camp the other day—seems he ran over a skunk on the way in.

Corp. Lyle in the 3d Composite Squadron at Lawson Field is being voted one of the swiftest non-coms in the Army these days. Seems that during Christmas he found that, as duty roster man of the orderly room, he was short one man, for guard duty. So he took the chore himself.

Boys of the 51st Parachute Infantry, now at Camp Mackall after their long training stay here, are again getting out their paper, "Black Panther." Still a mighty good-looking sheet—too bad they couldn't have printed more of them.

Staff Sgt. Rawn Spearman, who used to delight all and sundry with his voice as a member of Reception Center Chorus, still is hard at it. Transferred to Ft. Francis E. Warren in Wyoming, he sent word this week to Col. John P. Elderly that he has won another contest staged in the Service Command area there.

Sgt. Sturmer claims he knows a farmer over Alabama way who has three bulls, one large, one medium, one small animal. The other day on airplane from Lawson field flew over, very low. The big bull stood and pawed the ground. The medium bull ran over under some trees. The small one ran and ran and ran until the farmer reports he had to chase it for two miles. "Which proves," Sturmer says, "that a little bull often goes a long way."

I 4th Infantry, they tell about a soldier named Bass, who took his gal friend into a pawnshop in Columbus. "I just wanted to get her a loan once," he explained.

And, also in the Raider regt., boys in Cannon company are figuring on purchasing a locomotive to forestall the state of the weather in the orderly room before they have to enter to face First Sgt. Erb.

They claim in the 26th Company, Third SFR, that Officer Candidate "Camp" Campion came out of the woods while on a receipt bivouac, with a badly swollen upper lip. "That bee stung me," he is alleged to have reported. "But I'll eat anything I can get on these bivouacs."

At the POW Camp, Sgt. Jim Starks paid ten bucks for a fox for a mascot. It ran away. Says he, "That's the first time I ever saw ten bucks walk away." He ought to get Sgt. Purvis to look for it—the Sarge can find more runaway animals than anybody we ever saw.

Bill Snaves reports that in Company D of the 14th, the supply Sgt. got a list the other day and started issuing new pairs of shoes, to the somewhat startled men thereon. It wasn't until he had issued four pairs that he looked closely at the typed sheet and saw that it

really read "men who need shoes."

And then in Company F of the Jungler regt., Tech Sgt. De Rosa and Staff Sgt. Campbell got ready for a 25-mile hike by dubbing their new combat boots with some wild-root tonic.



BY "TAP"

During the Army "careers" of any soldiers—from rookies to veterans—many and varied events take place in the course of their training and duty periods, as well as in their "off" moments. Here are a few of those amusing occurrences, some that happened at Fort Benning, others elsewhere:

A rookie once halted his company commander, while walking guard. Queried the captain, "What are you supposed to say now?" And came the reply, "At ease, Captain!"

After a very busy night shift at the switchboard, a certain WAC operator returned to her barracks to wash up before breakfast. Drowsily, she dragged to the basin, plugged in the stopper, and asked: "Number, please?"

A Yald Bird rushed into the barracks, grabbed a pair of swimming trunks from his footlocker, and hastened through the door, bumping into a scowling sergeant. "Where are you going?" growled the sergeant. "The Captain told me to report to the Motor Pool!" exclaimed the stooge.

A mess sergeant saw a KP go into the pantry, and much later that day, he spied him emerging. "What have you been doing?" he demanded. "Filling those salt shakers you gave me," was the answer. "Take 'em all day?"

"Well," muttered the KP, "it ain't easy pouring salt through those little holes!"

At a retreat parade, the troops were assembled preparatory to passing in review. The right guides were standing by their respective stakes, placed in designated spots earlier that day so the formation would be sharp. The command, "Guides, post," was given by the adjutant, but because of the distance was not too audible. One CO, thinking his guide might not have heard the order, turned slightly and gave the command in his own words: "Guide, take your post." Immediately, his right guide reached down, pulled up the stake, marched over in a very military manner and handed it to his CO!

The crack Paratrooper had put in a strenuous day, and had made two jumps, hurrying through space like a rag doll on a string. That evening he returned to the barracks and discovered that the set-up had been shifted around, and he was now assigned to an upper bunk.

Galloping into the Orderly



WHAT HOLDS THE YEAR

Chaplain Brian Keany

The beginning of the New Year brings many thoughts to our minds. Looking towards the past, the events and the experiences of the year that is gone comes before us; looking to the future, we wonder what the new year holds.

One thing we can all profitably reflect upon is the subject of time itself. It is important to us; at the same time, very few of us would be able to give a very intelligent definition or description of time. It is elusive. We divide it into various portions: the centuries, the decades, the years, the months; more simply we merely divide it into the past, the present and the future. No matter how we divide it, we cannot adequately describe or define it. All we can do is split it up and examine it.

On examination we find that it has certain qualities: the first and the most obvious is that it is fleeting—it passes quickly. The verdict of every human being is: no matter how long a life has been given to him, it is, in reality, how very short. How fast, he will say, has my life slipped away; like mercury it has slipped through my fingers. The days ran into weeks, the weeks into months, the months into years, and the years into a lifetime all before he was aware of it. It can be put down as an incontrovertible truth, the longest life is short.

Another quality of time that impresses us is that it is irrevocable. Once it is gone, it is gone. Once it is past, it can not be recalled. A river never repeats itself in its continuous march to the sea; every drop of water is a new drop. Time never repeats itself; every moment is a new moment; every day is different. People often say, "If we could only relive a certain period of our lives, we would do it differently."

This is a vain hope and an empty wish. All we have is the present; the past is out of our grasp, and the future is uncertain. Prudence dictates that the wise man makes the most of the present moment.

Prudence also gives us to understand that no matter how fleeting elusive time is, still it is precious. There is an old adage that tells us that time is gold. It is supremely precious, it is the greatest legacy given to man by his Maker and it is given to every man, without regard to person, heritage or station. It is a mine wherein we can quarry imperishable treasures. The tools we have our intellects, our energy, our courage. With these we can earn for ourselves, with the proper use of time, all that any man can expect in this world or in the next.

Boom, he shouted to the Top-Kick: "I can't take that upper bunk; I have a phobia of heights!"

We overheard two gals talking on Broadway, in Columbus, recently. Lapsed one, "Is your boyfriend A. W. O. L.?"

"No, honey chile," smiled the other, "he's A-W-O-L-F!"

G.I. WIFE

By EILEEN

I've come to the conclusion in the last few days that people—individually and collectively—definitely do not believe in signs! And the bigger the sign, the less people believe. Or maybe they just don't bother about signs.

At any rate, for many months the personnel of the PRO has suffered excruciatingly—has had many a good laugh—and has been hard put to it to direct correctly people who have wandered blithely in asking direction of one member of the staff or another. There, beside the door, hung a small sign, about five by twenty inches, white background, black lettering that proclaimed clearly to anyone mounting the steps that this is none other than the "Public Relations Office."

The sign might just as well have hung face-to-wall for all the attention it received. And so, our good captain altered the markings. A sign some 24 by 36 inches—proclaiming lustily in red and black on a white background that this IS the Public Relations Office—and ONLY the Public Relations Office.

But, as has been noted, the populace doesn't pay attention to signs.

Scarcely had the sign been hung prominently beside the entrance, to the door opened, and in walked a GI, asking for a divorce.

There's some slight bit of difference between the Public Relations Office and the Personal Affairs Office—even though people won't recognize the fact. Of course, when you come right down to it, we of the PRO are glad to help any individuals who come seeking aid—but there are limits to the amount—and kind of thing—we can do for them.

And just to make life easier for them—to avoid having to answer their questions which embarrass them more than they do us (hardened as we are to the world and its wicked ways), we've devised a scheme. We're going to (some mark right) paint on the door of the Personal Affairs Office, the words "No Admittance." That will attract a lot of attention—and people will stream in there—instead of in here. There being a door connecting our office with theirs, it will be no effort at all for them to direct our legitimate traffic (it being very meager) in our direction and simply hang on to those individuals who really want the services of the Personal Affairs Office.



GI at PX cigarette counter: "Hey, lemme have five cartons of those things before the hoarders get 'em."

Gather ye romance while ye may
For walling may bring sorrow.
A guy who's stationed here today
May get transferred tomorrow.

I'm a little soldier boy
I drink beer
And my little tummy sticks
Way out here.

A man in an insane asylum sat fishing over a flower bed.
A visitor desiring to be friendly walked up to him.
"How many have you caught today?" asked the visitor.
"You're the ninth," said the inmate.

Tokyo Radio Reports:
American bombers raided Nagoya today, causing slight damage. The city will be rebuilt shortly. We are pleased to announce the destruction of an American torpedo by one of our largest cruisers.

A wedding ring is like a tourniquet—it stops your circulation.

First Lt.: "She seemed like a good sensible girl."
Second Lt.: "Yeah, she wouldn't pay any attention to me, either."

2nd Lt.: "Why didn't you salute me yesterday?"
Pfc.: "I didn't see you, sir."

2nd Lt.: "Good. I was afraid you were mad at me."

Her ambition was to drink champagne with a millionaire chaser.

Girls are creatures who are fond of pretty clothes, but are not necessarily wrapped up in them.—Flight-Train, Goodfellow Field, Texas.

The bachelor's a crazy guy who has a lot of fun. He sizes all the cuties up and never Mrs. one.

—The Tower, Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Sergeant: "How do you like the Army, private?"
Inductee: "I may like it after a while, but right now there is too much drilling and fussing around 'between meals.'"

Then there was the striptease dancer who couldn't learn to knit because she had been trained to drop every stitch.

"What's she doing at the dance?"
"Looking for her husband."

"What's he look like?"
"She doesn't know yet."

With graceful feet, a maiden sweet, Was tripping the light fantastic. When she suddenly tore for the dressing room door— You can trust the wartime elastic.

We never used to be able to find Grandma's glasses but now she just leaves them where she empties them.

Weekly Advice to the Lovelorn: Woman "accepts" man for the

sake of matrimony; Man accepts matrimony for the sake of woman.

Gravestone epitaph of an army mule: "MAGGIE"

"In memory of Maggie, who in her lifetime, kicked 1 General, 1 Colonel, 7 Majors, 10 Captains, 24 Lieutenants, 30 Sergeants, 208 Privates, and 1 bomb."

Gal: "Did you ever sell brushes?"
GI: "No, why?"
Gal: "Well, you had better get one and start selling. That's my husband at the front door."

Two pigeons came to rest on a window of the Pentagon Building. The first pigeon said: "Where are you going?"

Second pigeon: "Over to Section M to deliver a message."

First pigeon: "What's your order number?"
Second pigeon: "Number 5342-X."

First pigeon: "Well get a move on. I've got an order rescinding your order."

A military expert is a guy who tells you what is going to happen tomorrow, and who tells you tomorrow why it didn't happen today.

Pfc.: "You say your best friend snugged the first sergeant. Who is he?"
Pvt.: "Don't know. Never met the guy."

This gag made the rounds as the kidded Seventh Marine Regiment advanced on Jap cave strongholds. It was passed from man to man, shouted from behind boulders, whispered into ears in the underbrush.

"Gonna be tough sleddin' today?"
"How come?"
"No snow!"

A 1st Sergeant is a source of information who is glad to give you all the details.

MY LITTLE TOY GUN

My little toy gun went bang bang bang! But its bullets never hurt; War was fun for me and the gang. When I was a little squirt.

All day long we played wit. glce— In maneuvers 'round the block. Till mother called and told me it was bedtime by the clock.

That was the end of another war. When I answered mother's call— And the only wound I ever bore Was the bruise from a careless fall.

It was then that my gun was laid away. And the playful gang I led, Forgot the war 'till another day. For home and a peaceful bed.

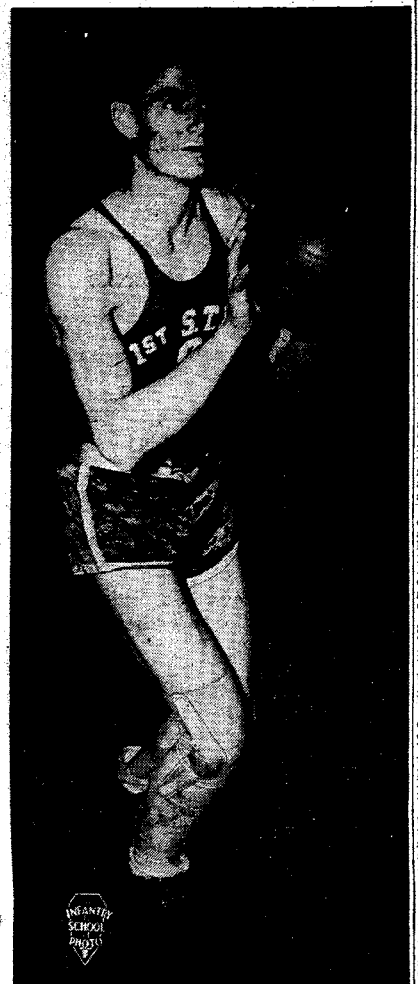
O to return to that happy day, When I was a little squirt. When little toy guns were made for play, And the bullets never hurt.

Ho. Co. 1st SFR-TIS
S-SGT. ROBERT G. LYALL

Shields Keep Up Hot Pace, Baer Tops League Scoring, 3rd Is Puzzle In TS Loop

BY SGT. CARL NEU

The 5th Infantry Shields all but sewed up the first-half title with three more wins to run their victory string to ten without defeat, Mel Baer of the 1st STR boosted his point total to 183 for ten games to maintain his scoring lead, and the potentially powerful 3rd Infantry Cockades won only one of three to remain the loop's mystery team.



MEL BAER OF 1ST STR
... Loop Leader With 183 Points

CORPORAL SERGEANT A NAME, NOT A GRADE
CAMP CROWDER, Mo. (ALNS)—The Sergeant is a corporal, and the corporal is a Sergeant, but if the corporal can only become a sergeant he will be Sergeant Sergeant (and we know there isn't any such grade as well as you do).

is Douglas, his last is Sergeant, and he's a two-striper, so that makes him Corporal Sergeant. And he wouldn't mind if his name did sound like someone stuttering; he'd like that third stripe so he could be Sergeant Sergeant. The extra dough on pay day will save any inconvenience, he figures.

It sounds nutty, but the situation is this: The corporal's first name

Give a woman an inch, and she thinks she's the ruler.

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And that, court fans, just about sums up the week's activities in the Infantry School League which is having a banner competitive season but is suffering badly from an inexplicable drought of patrons along with all other loops at the post.

There was some great basketball during the past week and there will be plenty more of it in the Infantry School circuit at both the post gym and the sports arena tonight, Sunday afternoon and next Tuesday night.

The best action of the week past took place on Tuesday when Jim Homer, the Columbus lad, paced the Raiders to a win over the 1st STR while Gene Vance was shacking Baer—and the Academic Profs forced the Shields for three periods before bowing.

Also on Tuesday, the hapless 78th Tankers were out in front of the 3rd Infantry for 12 minutes before falling back into their losing stride which has now lasted through 10 games.

Homer's prolific scoring tells most of the story of the Raiders' Wolves' clash. In donning the scoring mantle, however, relieved Gene Vance, usually the Raiders' chief, the chief of the Wolves in turn came up with a neat defensive job on Mel Baer, first STR ace, who is leading the loop in scoring.

Last night, Baer accounted for only 13 points on five field goals and three foul tips. Until then, he had been averaging 19 points per tilt. He has now accumulated 183 markers in 10 tilts, however, which is an 18.3 average per game, still great scoring in any circuit.

Dino Ghilotti with 10, Ed Szepanski with 8, and Vance with 7 were other important netmen for the Raiders last night. Dan Vujnovic, ex-Pitt star who also tutors the Wolves, duplicated Baer's effort for the losers.

WOLVES THREATEN
The Raiders' were out in front comfortably most of the way, except in the third period when the Wolves started howling and cut the 4th Infantry lead to a single point going into the last period. But Homer kept peppering the nets and that settled the issue.

In the Shield-Prof encounter, the fans thought for a long while that they might witness an upset. The rivals were deadlocked at seven-all at quartertime, 17-all at halftime, and then after three periods, the ultimate winners still could boast of only a two-point advantage.

But lacking reserves, the Profs stired badly at the end and the Shields swept in with little trouble, principally on the wings of some late sharpshooting by Dan Gabbianielli, the ex-Georgetown ace. Gabby had 13 markers to pace the winners while Dale Burnstable and Milt Ticio, the forwards, contributed twelve and ten markers respectively. Guard Bill Jenkins was high man for the Profs, with five-and-one for 11 points.

In the early portions of the Harmony Church tussle, the cellular bandaged Tankers played tight ball and at quartertime they were in front of the Cockades, 11-8. The 3rd found the nets in the second period, however, and got out in front by 27-22 at intermission and remained there the rest of the way.

Harry Donabedian, the Cockade forward from Rhode Island State-famed Rams, regained his point-making ways and netted eight field goals and four charity tips for a 20-point total to lead both teams. Jimmy Kelly, ex-Notre Dame forward, also hit double figures with ten markers, while Hubert's fourteen and Langdon's ten were the big scoring totals in the 78th boxscore.

4th Infantry (44)	Pts	FG	F Total
Ghillotti	10	2	4
Szepanski	8	1	2
Vance	7	1	2
Homer	13	2	4
Donabedian	20	4	10
Kelly	10	2	4
Langdon	10	2	4
Hubert	14	2	4
Ticio	12	2	4
Burnstable	12	2	4
Jenkins	5	1	2
Donabedian	5	1	2
Totals	105	20	40

Score by period: 1st 11-8, 2nd 17-22, 3rd 27-22
Officials: Harris and Heltenbaum.

2nd Infantry (35)	Pts	FG	F Total
Donabedian	20	4	10
Kelly	10	2	4
Langdon	10	2	4
Hubert	14	2	4
Ticio	12	2	4
Burnstable	12	2	4
Jenkins	5	1	2
Donabedian	5	1	2
Totals	105	20	40

Score by period: 1st 11-8, 2nd 17-22, 3rd 27-22
Officials: Harris and Heltenbaum.

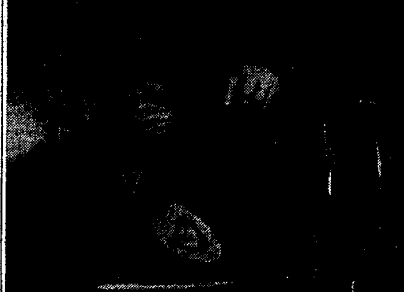
5th Infantry (48)	Pts	FG	F Total
Ticio	12	2	4
Burnstable	12	2	4
Hubert	14	2	4
Langdon	10	2	4
Kelly	10	2	4
Donabedian	20	4	10
Jenkins	5	1	2
Donabedian	5	1	2
Totals	105	20	40

Score by period: 1st 11-8, 2nd 17-22, 3rd 27-22
Officials: Harris and Heltenbaum.

Academic Regt. (56)	Pts	FG	F Total
Donabedian	20	4	10
Kelly	10	2	4
Langdon	10	2	4
Hubert	14	2	4
Ticio	12	2	4
Burnstable	12	2	4
Jenkins	5	1	2
Donabedian	5	1	2
Totals	105	20	40

Score by period: 1st 11-8, 2nd 17-22, 3rd 27-22
Officials: Harris and Heltenbaum.

Asked about the little white boy playing in his back-yard, Wong Lee answered, "Oh, accidents will happen!"



OC GEORGE MUNGER
... Ex-Cardinal Seeks Bars

Ex-Cardinal Mound Ace Seeks Gold Bars at OCS

From league leader to platoon leader is the switch aspired to by Officer Candidate George D. Munger, former pitching ace of the St. Louis Cardinals, who is now taking the officer candidate course at The Infantry School. The big red headed right-hander is now bucking GI "Curve balls" instead of fogging his first one past all comers in the National League.

When Munger entered the service July 11, 1944, he was leading the National League hurlers with 11 wins against three defeats, and his steady hurling early in the campaign played a big role in getting the world's champs off to a flying start.

CAME FROM COAST
His first Army uniform was a Jefferson Barracks baseball suit, in which he defeated the Lambert Field Navy nine the same day he was inducted. From Jefferson Barracks he went to Camp Roberts, Cal., and came to The Infantry School from the west coast.

There is much more than a touch of Texas in Munger's walk, talk and grin. He was born in Houston, played football

and basketball for Sam Houston High School, broke into baseball as third baseman for the Houston American Legion team, and played with Houston on his tour of Sam Breadon's rags-to-riches circuit.

"SEE AMERICA"
The tour of duty for Breadon sold Munger on "see America first." "I like to travel," he says, "and it's a sure good thing I do."

In 1937 he pitched for New Iberia, La., and moved over to the Asheville, N. C., in 1938, Houston in 1939, Sacramento in 1940-41, Columbus in 1942 and joined the big show in '43.

'44 BEST YEAR
In 1943, his first season in the majors, he won nine and lost five, and in 1944 he was on his way to his best season when Uncle Sam and his neighbors called.

The usual questions about his biggest thrill, best game he ever pitched, hardest batter to get out, Munger shrugs off. What he does twinkle his eye is the thought of the two world series checks he cashed without every stepping on the mound in a series game.

WAcademics Face Moody Field Here Friday Night

**WAC Sextets
Play at Post
Gym at 7:30**

After winning five out of seven starts against civilian women's teams, the WAcademic basketballers of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School, are scheduled this week to meet their first Women's Army Corps competition, in addition to seeking their sixth straight win over a Columbus industrial combination.

Tonight the odds will be definitely in favor of the WAcademic when they tangle with the Centennial Cotton manufacturers at the Harmony Church Sports Arena at 7:30.

But it's anybody's game tomorrow night when the WAcademics take on the strong Moody Field WACs at 7:30 at the Main Post gym.

GO TO RUCKER
And then, keeping their pledge to play any and all challengers within week end distance, the WAcademics will pack off to Camp Rucker, Ala., to play the WAC Detachment there in a Sunday afternoon exhibition match.

Last week end the WACs split their two scheduled games, trouncing the Bibb Manufacturing Friday evening by the score of 33-20, and then bowing Sunday in Atlanta to the state champion Sports Arena Blues, 27 to 11.

UNCROWNED CHAMP
Their second victory over the Bibbs, who hold first place in the eight-team Columbus league, definitely established the WACs as the uncrowned champions of this end of Georgia. Intent on revenge for their 40-28 loss in December, the Bibbs took an early lead by scoring the first two baskets of the game. But in the second quarter the scoring came at times the Bibbs couldn't get near the basket while the servicewomen ran up 10 more points to win 33-20.

HANDICAPPED STAR
Considerable part of the victory was due to the handoffing that the Bibb star Gilly suffered at the hands of Preston, Husea and Brooks. After scoring 12 points in the last game, Gilly this time was held to a mere three.

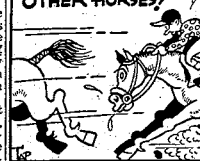
In Sunday's Atlanta exhibition game with the state champ Blues the WACs showed strong promise even in losing by the lopsided score of 27-11. The WACs were slightly handicapped by the fact

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that they were playing AAU rules for the first time. On the defensive they really looked professional, with Husea playing top-notch ball in the guard position.

PLAY BLUES AGAIN
A second meeting of the Blues and Harmony Church WACs is set for three weeks from now, just before the state tilts leave for the national tournament.

As expected, last week's schedule cut down the WACs' scoring ratio, which still looks good at its present totals of 233 points scored by the servicewomen against 119 by their opponents.

TPS DOWNED BY ATLANTA ALL-STARS

The Parachute School quintet came on the short end of a 52-to-44 score in their Sunday afternoon game with the Sports Arena All-Stars at the Chester Street Sports Arena in Atlanta.

A superb trooper rally which netted 24 points in the last six minutes of play highlighted an otherwise listless game which found the Airborne five unable to stop Ralph Hamilton, the All-Stars high ace, from hitting the net at will. Hamilton looped in nine field goals and seven free throws for a total of 25 tallies. His running mate at forward, Trotten, was close on his heels with 10 markers.

GUNTHER HIGH
Paratrooper center Gunther was high man for his team with 14 points, while Wheeler Leath dropped in four baskets from his guard position and played an all-around good floor game.

Off to their usual slow start, the Airborne quint trailed 32 to 14 at half-time. And that was the ball game. Despite the scoring outburst in the dying minutes of the contest, the Troopers were unable to overcome their sluggish first half play.

BAD 1ST HALF
Technical Sergeant Irving Kaye, Paratrooper manager, freely admitted that his men "played miserable ball in the first half." "Their timing was off and they just couldn't get going until too late," said Sergeant Kaye.

Sunday's defeat was the second loss of the season for the Troopers. They bowed to the 3rd Student Training Regiment's All-Officer team last week after winning eleven straight games.

EVENS COUNT
Although the Parachute School defeated the Sports Arena All-Stars three weeks ago by a 49-to-39 count, the victory was hollow after Sunday's loss in view of the fact that Hamilton, the All-Stars' mainstay, did not play in the first game.

A little better showing from the charity stripe might have resulted in a Trooper win. The Parachute School lads missed 13 free tries.

Parachute School (44)	Pts	FG	F Total
Hamilton	25	9	14
Trotten	10	2	4
Gunther	14	4	10
Wheeler	4	1	2
McCaig	1	0	0
Blair	0	0	0
Totals	54	16	30

Sports Arena (52)	Pts	FG	F Total
Hamilton	25	9	14
Trotten	10	2	4
Gunther	14	4	10
Wheeler	4	1	2
McCaig	1	0	0
Blair	0	0	0
Totals	54	16	30

Jeeps Open Season, Lose to Terror Foe In Double Overtime

The Fort Benning Jeeps, one of the youthful basketball teams sponsored by Boys' Activities at the post, opened their 1945 court campaign last Saturday at the Sports Arena, but dropped a heartbreaker to the Columbus Terrors, 34-33, in a game that went two extra periods.

Perry, the Jeep captain, was high scorer of the game with five field goals and a foul tip for seven markers. Blair of the Jeeps and Burne of the Terrors shared runner-up laurels with 10 points apiece.

60TH SRI HAS FAST QUINTET

Practice games and plenty of them are what the fast-breaking basketball team of the 60th Signal Radio Intelligence Company wants. "They" like tilts with anybody, anytime.

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WON 2-1
Thus far they've won 2 out of 3 games, losing 25-23 early in the season to the 89th Signal Operations Battalion for their only defeat. They've trounced the Post Bakers, 53-21, and competently handled a company outfit from the 3rd Infantry, 39-22.

At the forwards their lineup lists John Volpe of Greenfield, Mass., High School, and Frank Hamrah of Kenoska, Wis., hard-wood history.

LANKY CENTER
At center is lanky Bob Turk, an Alliance, Ohio, high school star, while the guard slots are occupied by Armand Schiller of Detroit, Michigan, prep school ball, and Eino Reko, whose high school basketballing was done in Crosby, Minnesota.

As reserves they have Hammond McGale, of Haverhill, Mass., William Dietrich, of Kansas, and Lonnie White, of Lincoln High School, Huntsville, Alabama, Ed. Niedfeldt, of Bangor, Bangor, Wisconsin, and Bob Rogers, who played high school ball in Chicago.

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TPS-Lawson Battle Friday At Gym Looms As Thriller

Post League title hopes of the Parachute School Troopers and Lawson Field Fliers will explode with a vengeance Friday night in the main post gym at 7:30 when the circuit's arch rivals collide in an early-season game that should really pack a wallop.

Originally scheduled for 9:00 p. m., the tilt has been moved up to the earlier time to permit an all-WAC tilt at nine between the WACademics and the Moody Field WACs from Valdosta, Ga. The visiting gals will be unable to arrive until 30 minutes before game time.

A capacity audience is expected for the twin bill because whenever the Troopers and Fliers collide there are really fireworks. Last season, they fought one another almost to a standstill in the play-off series for the Post League title with Lawson finally grabbing the gonfalon in a blazing finish.

5 PTS OF IT.
This year, both installations have come up with unusually strong court contingents once again. The Troopers, who won their loop opener from the 89th Signal on Monday, have been victorious in nine out of eleven outside tilts, bowing only to the all-officer quintet of the 3rd STR and Atlanta's Walco All-Stars paced by the great Ralph Hamilton of Indiana fliers.

Lawson also boasts a fine record, having bowed only to the 4th Infantry Raiders in the first round of second-place in the

strong Infantry School League. The Trooper attack will be paced by Coulby Gunther, Iankey from St. John's, but he will have plenty of help from such expert shotmakers as Al Tate, Hase, Waltemath and Leath. Brownie Blazak, the baseball shortstop, will also be tough to stop.

HALL HOLDOVER
Lawson will counter, however, with a swift-moving quintet of Whalen, Hall, Nommensen, Jones and Conway. Arvid (Ace) Hall, a rugged forward, is the only available holdover from the championship quintet of a year ago.

All 51 loop entries will be in action next Monday on two different courts. Lawson will entertain the 89th Signalmen in an eight o'clock attraction in its home gym at the local base.

POST LEAGUE
Lawson Field Fliers W. L. Pct.
Parachute School Troopers 1 0 1.000
Medical Detach. 1 0 1.000
89th Signal 1 0 1.000
24th Pz. Arty. 0 1 .000
41st Pz. Arty. 0 1 .000

TATE OF TPS ALL-AROUND COURT STAR

One of the best all-around ball handlers and consistently good floor workers on the Parachute School basketball team is Sergeant Alvin Tate, accurate shooting forward and one of the principle reasons for the Troopers' early season record of 11 wins and two defeats.

High point man with an average of 13 points a game in the pre-season, Parachute School League, Tate got off to a good start in the opening game in the Post League Monday night with four baskets and one free throw for a total of nine markers.

REBOUND EXPERT
Noted for having "springs" in his feet, Tate is a solidly built six-footer who scores a majority of his points by leaping high in the air to tip in rebounds off the backboards.

Tate is noted for his teamwork. He seldom shoots when a teammate is in position for a better shot and most of his baskets are made after someone else has taken a crack at the hoop and missed. It is the steady, consistently brilliant, game-in-and-game-out player like Tate that makes the difference between a good team and a great team.

FIRST LOVE BASEBALL
A former semi-pro basketball star with Chickasha, Okla., Tate's first love is baseball. Following High School graduation, he pitched great ball for two seasons with Salt Lake City in the Pioneer League, and was sold to the Cubs in 1941, shortly before entering the Army. Stationed in Trinidad for 25 months, Tate pitched in the Army Caribbean League. Although his interest in basketball equals his ability, Tate is always happier in an atmosphere of spiked shoes, a bit of rosin and a well-nicked horsehide.

ROD and GUN

Anglers' Hot Stove Loop In Full Session While Fish Are In Hibernation

Sad, indeed, is this season of the year for ardent angler; the hunters are having their flings—but the finny folk are in hibernation. Back home in New England, we can picture the fishermen seated round a glowing stove or fireplace, spinning yarns of the past, or talking with enthusiasm of the coming spring. . . . Of course, many of the more hardy of the clan go ice-fishing, spending pleasant days in the tiny shacks that straddle the glassy surface of the northern lakes.

While in a reminiscent mood, we'd like to hark back to a certain night fishing experience we had in June, 1942:

Twilight was merging with darkness, the sunset glow making a watercolor of the sky, as we dropped our line into the surging currents of the Plum Island, Mass., River, seeking snags under the dark shadows of the bridge that reaches to the island. The air was calm and still, the tide starting to run out, and the strippers should soon be striking, we hoped. . . .

"Live-lining," or using seaworms for bait, we were employing a boat rod, with a cork floater at the end of the line to prevent any chance of our tackle getting snagged at the bottom. Our companion, an eminent member of the Mass. Fish and Game Ass'n., said that this was the best way to obtain more sport and action.

Far across the mainland, a clock chimed 11. . . . Still no takers. . . . They aren't biting tonight, said the angler. "This being said, they should produce a couple of fair-sized fish."

And then it happened—wham. Striking out bait like a full back hitting a line, a bass that weighed plenty took the hook. Our rod described an arc in the air. . . . "Let him run!" shouted the other angler.

Excitedly letting out the line, we played the big fellow. . . . He leaped from the water, the moon displaying his acrobatics as if a spotlight. . . . Then he jumped, turned, and twisted, turning into a veritable pretzel from an animated cartoon. . . .

Reeling in, we felt the strong tug on the line, and suddenly—emptiness! The tragedy was revealed when we hauled in the entire line; it had snapped just above the leader, and it had been tested for considerable poundage. . . .

GUN SHOTS: Sgt. Win Purvis, mighty hunter of the PVT Camp, has not had his usual luck in the woods this season. Although "his said to be a big year for ducks, he hasn't shot many of 'em; however, he did bag some nice quail recently, in addition to a couple of large coons, treed by his many dogs. . . .

And here's one for Ripley: Al Belinsky, of 3rd Battalion Hqs. Co., 2nd Infantry, downed a 12-pound chicken hawk using a 57-mm. Anti-Tank Gun! . . . Sighting the bird perched on the limb of a tree on London Range, he traversed 37 degrees to the right, added a little elevation and snapped the lanyard. . . . No "boom" emanated from the big 57-mm., merely the ping of sub-caliber ammunition. . . . Result: A direct hit on the hawk by an expert marksman! . . . Send in your Tall Tales to the writer. . . . Thanks!

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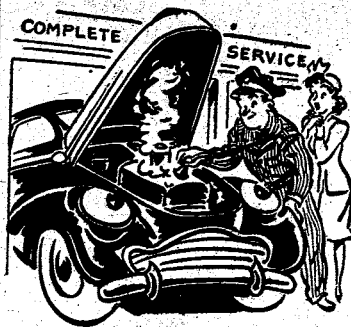
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BY PVT. ULYSSES KEYS

The citizens of Atlanta paid high tribute to Pvt. Sidney "Beau Jack" Walker when a committee composed of Atlanta's prominent business and professional men and women sponsored a testimonial banquet at the Club Poinciana Saturday honoring him for making the greatest contribution to boxing during the year.

Words of praise were showered upon Beau Jack by admirers and fight fans who crowded into the club to hail the pugilist for his outstanding ring performances which won for him the title of "boxer of the year." Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring Magazine, conferred that title upon Beau Jack after an appraisal of the boxing records of 4382 of the nation's prize fighters.

CREDIT TO RACE
The sentiments expressed by the many speakers who came to pay tribute to the young fighter as well as to see him in his smart army uniform were summed up in a telegram from the Atlanta Journal which was read by J. Richardson Jones, local cinematographer and toastmaster.

The telegram said: "Beau Jack is a credit to boxing, to sportsmen and to his race. He never detour even the slightest from the honest, sincere road he has been treading. Thousands of children the world over look to him as a model. God grant that he continue as an inspiration to them and as a token of clean, sportsmanlike living for many years to come. As he swings incessantly in the ring may he continue to punch his way to success."

TRANSFERRED TO SIBERT
Beau Jack was transferred to Camp Sibert, Ala., following the banquet. He is in the same camp where Joe Louis is stationed. The "Bouncing Jack," as he is sometimes called, had been in the Reception Center at Ft. Benning since his induction last May. He had participated in several boxing exhibitions with his friend and sparring mate, Technical Sgt. Bryant Bass of Atlanta, who donated his services when he fought Bob Montgomery in a non-title war bond bout at Madison Square Garden.

\$35,864,900 IN BONDS
The Beau Jack-Bob Montgomery prize fight was one of the classics of the season and fight fans from every section of the country went to see the two fighters who previously had exchanged the lightweight title in the ring. They purchased \$35,864,900 worth of war bonds to see the "Bouncing Beau" defeat Montgomery. Jack is now 23 years old and held the lightweight title for one and a half years out of four years of professional boxing. He won the title in 1942 when he kayoed Tonyarkin in the third round.

FORMER BOOTBLACK
Jack, who was a former bootblack in Augusta, Ga., prior to beginning his boxing career, fought five bouts at Madison Square Garden as a civilian last year.



LOUIS EVANS AND LIONEL NEWSOME
... Farewell to Tiger Court Togs

Plenty of Hot Action Seen in Service Loop

There'll be plenty of red-hot court action in the Service League during the coming week with all six quintets in action tomorrow night and again next Wednesday. The Reception Center Tigers, Lawson Field Bombers, and Infantry School Rockets captured opening game victories during the past week and immediately became co-favorites for the first half flag.

The loop was in action last night, however, but the Bayonet went to press before the results were accomplished. Regardless of the outcome of last night's jousts, though, Friday's tilt at the Lawson Field Gym between the Bombers and TIS Rockets looms as a dilly.

Both have big, strong aggregations that should be in the title race all the way. That tilt will get underway at 8 p. m.

Meanwhile, out at the Harmony Church Sports Arena tomorrow night, a stellar doubleheader is carded for the Service League with the RC Tigers taking on the 2nd STR. Marvels in the opener at 7:30, and the 3rd STR Panthers clashing with the 1st STR Reds at 9 p. m.

AT SERVICE HALL
Next Wednesday, the Marvels will trek down to Lawson to oppose the Bombers, and the other four clubs will be in action at the Service Hall (Old 24th Infantry Gym) on the main post. In that twin bill, the Reds and Rockets collide at 7:30, and 8 1/2 nights at 8 will pit the Panthers against the RC Tigers.

According to all indications, the first-half flag race will be a tough scrap all the way. Before the season opened, the Tigers rated as favorites, but the recent loss for the season of Louis Evans and Lionel Newsome, two of their best performers, has weakened the RC hopes considerably.

TIGERS WIN
With Newsome, who left for OC School this week, still in the lineup last Friday, the Receptionists romped to a 40-27 win over the Reds, their arch rivals, in the nightcap at the Sports Arena. Although Newsome had only four points to his credit, his playmaking was a big factor. Wilson and Caliman shared Tiger scoring laurels with 10 apiece, while Lowery was high man for the losers with nine.

In the opener at the arena, the Rockets got away to a fast start with a 41-27 win over the 2nd STR. Cooper's 19 points paced the TIS quintet with Woodford, Marvel pivot, doing the best work for his team with nine points at the net.

TIS Rockets (41)	Pts.	FG	F Total
Leichter	10	2	2
Wynne	10	2	2
Cooper	19	4	4
Avery	1	0	0
Callan	1	0	0
Hicks	1	0	0
Middleton	1	0	0
Schane	1	0	0
Totals	54	18	41

2nd STR (27)	Pts.	FG	F Total
Bundgaard	10	2	2
Falstrom	10	2	2
Woodford	10	2	2
Bois	1	0	0
Brooks	1	0	0
Stronson	1	0	0
Hill	1	0	0
Totals	34	10	27

Reception Center (40)	Pts.	FG	F Total
Wilson	10	2	2
Hill	10	2	2
Pendleton	10	2	2
Callan	10	2	2
Thompson	10	2	2
Le	10	2	2
Newsome	10	2	2
Totals	70	18	40

1st STR (25)	Pts.	FG	F Total
Westley	10	2	2
Yaker	10	2	2
Indison	10	2	2
Lowery	10	2	2
Bright	10	2	2
Totals	50	10	25

Lawson Field (25)	Pts.	FG	F Total
Bargis	10	2	2
Davis	10	2	2
Farrow	10	2	2
Chapman	10	2	2
Brown	10	2	2
Burns	10	2	2
Totals	50	10	25

3rd STR (25)	Pts.	FG	F Total
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Nicholson	10	2	2
Seidman	10	2	2
Smith	10	2	2
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China Woman's Club Talk Topic

Mrs. J. R. B. Branch, of Macon, Georgia, gave an exceptionally fine talk on China before the Woman's Club meeting held at the Main Post Theater, Monday.

Mrs. Branch, who had lived in China for 25 years, had witnessed the early years of the Republic, the confusion under the war lords, the aggression of Japan, and the indifference of the other nations to the plight of China. Her sympathetic understanding of the problems facing China and her sharing of the common danger made her an able advocate of the Chinese people.

She stressed the importance of an individual sense of responsibility for the making and keeping of the peace following this war, and for a renunciation by the American people of the materialism which has cost friends among

the nations and the lives of our own youth.

The film "Japan at War" was shown, a timely and vivid portrayal of the force to be met in the Pacific.

Mrs. Farris, the club president, made announcement of the gift of \$25.00 to the Regional Christmas fund of the Red Cross. She also paid high tribute to the work done by Mrs. O. S. Rolfe, who had served as the very able chairman of the committee in the preparation of the year's program.

Mrs. Francis J. Hester was appointed chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Brown, co-chairman and Mrs. Van Horn Moseley a member of the re-organized program committee.

Newcomers to the post are invited to join the club for the remainder of the year. It is urged that department groups extend this invitation to individuals added to their groups as well as to neighbors.

Announcement was made of the meeting of the Book Review group with Mrs. Gibbs giving a reading of a play by Ruth Gordon. The Music group will meet at the Polo Hunt Club, January 16, and the program will be given by Lt. Slavick and Warrant Officer Callaway. Another change in the calendar given the first of the month is the meeting of the Home-making group in the ladies lounge of the Officers' Club January 22, at which meeting will be shown some very fine samples of the work of a local Columbus artist, Mr. Edward Shorter.

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Schloss Named 2d Army S-2

Lieutenant David J. Schloss has been appointed Intelligence and Assistant Training Officer for Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, succeeding Lieutenant Herbert W. Watkins. He is announced by Major Neil R. Maxey, adjutant.

Lieutenant Schloss, a native of New York City, comes to Fort Benning from Fifth Detachment, Camp Rucker, Alabama, where he was Intelligence Officer, and previous to the assignment he was with the 21st Detachment of Camp Carson, Colorado, and with the 26th (Yankee) Division during the Tennessee maneuvers.

Lieutenant Schloss is a graduate of Columbia College, undergraduate school of Columbia University, and attended the Columbia University School of Law. Before entering the army he was president of the Schloss Ribbon Company, New York City.

Entering the service as an enlisted man, he received basic infantry training at Camp Croft, South Carolina, and then was graduated from the Infantry OCS at Fort Benning.

Radio Show to Air Orientation Ideas

Methods and ideas used in Battalion Orientation programs in Second Army will be discussed tonight at 8 o'clock when Second Army takes to the air on its weekly radio program, "Special Music By Special Troops," presented each Thursday over Radio Station WRBL by the Special Services Officer of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army.

Second Army Announcer Sgt. Mort Granas will interview Cpl. Louis B. Ruter, Jr., of Fourth Headquarters, Cpl. Norman Schick of 215 Ordnance Battalion, and Cpl. Solbert Levenson of the 89th Signal Operations Battalion, all Information and Education NCOs, in a round table discussion during which the techniques and problems of the various outfits will be compared.

Up for discussion are such topics as preparation of Orientation Centers, which topics appeal most to enlisted men, which topics are most neglected in Orientation programs, ways to make Orientation Hours more interesting to the listeners, and ways to encourage group participation.

Lt. Castles Wins Captain's Bars

Advancement of 1st Lieutenant Charles Conrad Castles to the rank of captain has been announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, Fort Benning post commander.

Chief inventory stock control officer, Capt. Castles has served in the Director of Supply office since he was assigned to Fort Benning on January 31 last.

Entering the Army, Capt. Castles was sent to Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyo., and commissioned a second lieutenant on July 3, 1942. He served as battalion adjutant for eight months at the Quartermaster OCS and was assigned to 3191 QM Service Company, working his way up to company commander before receiving his present assignment.

A native of Merkel, Tex., Capt. Castles graduated from high school there and attended the University of Texas. Following his graduation from college, Capt. Castles served as assistant to the tax commissioner for the Houston Oil Co., Houston, Tex.

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AWOC Honors Club Leader

Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, commanding general of Fort Benning, has named other high ranking post officers were special guests of the Army Wives Orientation club when that organization sponsored its first party at the Service Club No. 4 last Thursday night.

Mrs. Marie L. Scipio, president of the group, was honored by the presentation of a gift from the club to her for extraordinary service rendered in connection with her work toward organizing the orientation group and for the contribution she has made to the morale of servicemen and women at Ft. Benning.

Dance music was rendered by the 21st Army Ground Force orchestra as the nation's guests and members danced and enjoyed the refreshments provided them by the club.

MISS CORNELIA PRESENT ground, so close that I could see the Jap pilot thumb his nose at us when he let go the motor pool and in a few moments we were on our way to defensive positions on the island.

Corporal Bales, who enlisted over four years ago, earned his second campaign star for his part in the operations in New Guinea. A former student of Murrayville (Ill.) high school, he worked as a farmer and cook before the war.

His wife, the former Miss Evelyn Bartlett resides at 422 West Mason street, Springfield, Ill.

Sergeant May was cited by the late Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox as one of the "men of the First Marine Division (Reinforced)" which not only held important strategic positions during repeated Japanese attacks, but by a series of offensive operations drove the Japanese from the Guadalcanal battlefield and inflicted great losses on the enemy.

The courage and determination displayed in these operations were of an inspiring order.

Sergeant May spent about 90 days in the Guadalcanal lines as a communication sergeant. He is now assigned to the Weapons Section of The Infantry School.

A 1939 graduate of Stoneham high school, he entered the service almost four years ago. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon F. May, reside at 45 Hillside avenue, Stoneham, Mass.

WAC Officer Gets 1st Lieutenantcy

Promotion of Second Lieutenant Jessie L. Gaines, WAC, to the rank of first lieutenant has been announced by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander.

Lieutenant Gaines, officer in charge of civilian dormitories at Fort Benning, was one of the first to volunteer for the former WAC in the summer of 1942 at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Graduating from Officer Candidate School at Des Moines on June 30, 1943, Lt. Gaines was assigned to Fort Benning in August, and served as assistant chief of civilian personnel placement for a month before being named as assistant billeting officer in charge of civilian dormitories.

Her husband, Ben F. Gaines, is with the Overseas Division of OWC now at San Francisco, Calif. The couple spent three years at Jamaica, British West Indies, prior to 1940, where Mr. Gaines edited a newspaper.

Four brothers of Lt. Gaines are in the service: Cpl. Charles R. Jr., Capt. R. L. Gaines, merchant marine; 2d Lt. Robert L. Gaines, AAF; and Pfc. William Lee.

Signal Officer Gets 1st Lieutenantcy

Promotion of 2d Lt. Almer W. Summers to the rank of first lieutenant was announced today by Brigadier Ben. William H. Hobson, Fort Benning post commander.

Lieutenant Summers, who was commissioned at Fort Monmouth, N. J., in April 1943, is in charge of the training film library and on January 1st was appointed in charge of the Signal Corps photographic laboratory.

Enlisting in the Army on Friday, February 13, 1942, Lt. Summers joined the air corps and rose to the rank of chief clerk. He went to OCS at Fort Monmouth

and upon graduation spent six months at Camp MacKall, N. C., coming to Fort Benning last February. Lt. Summers also served as post cryptographic security officer before being given the film library and photographic laboratory assignments. Prior to enlistment he was a supervisor for the Hoosier Ordnance Plant.

The Army Wives Orientation club was formed to assist army

Efficiency Report Time Pressure on In Classification

The Classification Office of the Personnel Division of Post Headquarters has been working overtime, nights and Sundays, compiling officers' efficiency reports.

Both officers of field and company grades were included in the report period, more than doubling the semi-annual period.

Extra secretaries were recruited by Capt. Robert Weidner, classification officer, to aid the regular classification office staff.

Hook Range NCO Is Mr. Sergeant

Technical Sergeant Walter M. Bridges, who for three months has been in charge of Hook Range, "one of the most diversified ranges in the Army," has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Bridges is a member of C Company, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School.

"Hook Range Sergeant Bridges supervises some of the heaviest firing at Fort Benning, including demonstrations and target firing of all infantry weapons from the thunderous 105 mm cannon down to the calibre .30 rifle. Hook Range, where Bridges has served eight of his 11 years in the Army, has also been the scene of frequent simulated bombing and strafing attacks.

A graduate of Dawson, Ga., high school and former employee of the Weston, Ga., post office, Sergeant Bridges served his first enlistment in the 39th Infantry at Fort Benning. He has starred with five post championship basketball teams, including the Infantry School Detachment quintet of 1940.

Pearl Harbor Vet Decorated

A veteran of the infamous Pearl Harbor attack, who recalls seeing a Jap pilot thumb his nose at the Americans as he dived to strafe them, and a veteran of the fierce fight for Guadalcanal were decorated at a Thursday night formal dinner of C Company, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School.

Corporal Oscar W. Bales, of The Infantry School, was awarded the Expert Infantry Badge for "satisfactory performance of duty against the enemy on December 7th, 1941."

The Presidential Unit Citation, written by the late Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and the accompanying ribbon bar with stars were presented to Sergeant Gordon S. May, formerly of the American Division, "for actual combat duty" with the First Marine Division (Reinforced) on Guadalcanal. Presentations were made by First Lieutenant John C. Greer, company commander.

"We were in the Schofield Barracks at about 7 a. m., when we heard the roar of a plane diving low," remembers Corporal Bales. "We ran out to see what was up, just in time to watch a bomb fall on Wheeler Field. Then another plane dived to strafe us."

"As I bent it down to headquarters to report for orders, the plane swooped just 20 feet above the head of Mrs. William H. Hobson, Col. John P. Edgerly, commanding officer of the Reception Center, and Edgerly; Maj. Robert P. Langley, commanding officer of the Reception Battalion, and Mrs. Langley; Lt. Col. Grover M. Ford, commanding of the Bakers and Cooks School, and Maj. Abraham Pfeiffer, commandant of the Bakers and Cooks School No. 2, and Mrs. Pfeiffer.

Richard Jones, electioneering and newscam cameraman of Atlanta, Ga., entertained the guests at the party when he gave a discourse of humor, wit and poetry.

The Army Wives Orientation club was formed to assist army

TPS Qualifies 1st Colombian

When Lieutenant Alberto Marine qualified as a trooper recently, he had the distinction of being the first Colombian to be trained as a jumper outside his own country.

Lieutenant Marine, a native of Bogota, Colombia, had a rich military career in his own country before coming to The Parachute School. In 1937, he was graduated from the Military School in Bogota. For a while he was commander of a platoon in that school, the served in the special Guard of Honor connected with the Executive House of the Colombian President. In 1941, he went to the Bogota Infantry School and from 1941 to 1944 he taught infantry tactics there.

TIS GRADUATE

In the fall of 1944, he was sent with four other Colombian military men, by his Government, to Fort Benning to study advanced courses in Infantry training at the Infantry School. After graduating, he was again selected by his Government to continue his studies—this time at The Parachute School for the purpose of becoming a qualified troop leader.

"Being at The Parachute School has been one of the greatest experiences of my life," says Lieutenant Marine. "I do not speak the wonderful training that is given here, and for which I shall always be profoundly grateful. I am thinking especially of the privilege of coming in contact with American soldiers. Now I know why the American soldier is the best soldier in the world, for he has worked under him and with him. He has wonderful stamina, courage, intelligence and morale."

"I don't have to add that I am the proudest man in the world to wear the silver wings to be a member of the paratroop army which is writing such wonderful pages in the present war."

Asked about his future plans, Lieutenant Marine said: "First, I want to take about three months of specialist training at The Parachute School. Then I want to go back to my own country and create a strong consciousness there for the paratroops. I would like my own country to be as intensely interested in jumping as America is, and I would like to create its own army of paratroops. I should also like to see a school come up in my own country which would emulate the fine program and ideals of The Parachute School."

lies in making adjustments to their roles as mates of servicemen and to become familiar with the solutions of the many and varied problems which that status entails.

The club meets each Thursday afternoon at the Hospitality house at 2:30, according to Mrs. Dennis Newsom, chairman of the entertainment committee which was in charge of the arrangements of the party.

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WAC Officer Made First Lieutenant

Wac Officer Vivian Corbett Polk has been promoted to first lieutenant.

Lieut. Polk returned to Fort Benning last week from the Adjutant General's School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where she recently completed the Officers Administration course.

She was commissioned a second lieutenant in April of 1943 after she graduated from the Officer Candidate School at the First Wac Training Center at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Lieut. Polk is assigned to Station Complement 147 SCU and is one of the four Negro Wac officers stationed at Fort Benning. Her duties on the post began last May and until she left for the

Adjutant General's School in November she was assistant post officer for the Reception Center.

Her husband, Staff Sgt. Julius Polk, of Nashville, Tenn., is stationed at Fort McJannet, Ala.

To her, dating is like a drug. She takes one dose after another. Girls and gals seem to have the same ambition to go around in as little as possible... (and) Sailors and Seabees have only one difference. While the sailor is looking for a girl, the Seabee builds one.

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